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SYNODICAL CALENDAR.

1878-1879.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

President, Rev. T. F. Dornblaser, A. M., Kansas City.
Secretary, Rev. A. K. Felton, A. M., Bunker Hill, Kas.
Treasurer, Mr. P. Weidlein, Peabody, Kas.

COMMISSIONERS TO CARTHAGE COLLEGE.

Rev. J. B. McAfee, for three years.
Rev. W. C. Seidel, for two years.
Rev. A. A. Trimper, for one year.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

CLERICAL.

Principal.	*Alternates.*
Rev. A. Essick,	Rev. A. J. Kissell,
Rev. D. S. Altman,	Rev. A. K. Felton,
Rev. J. B. McAfee,	Rev. T. F. Dornblaser.

LAY.

Mr. P. Weidlein,	Dr. N. W. Hertz,
Mr. J. H. Shell,	Mr. B. B. Stimmell,
Mr. Jacob Rizer,	Mr. T. E. Fry.

SPEAKERS FOR NEXT MEETING.

Ordination—Rev. A. K. Felton.
Education—Rev. A. Essick.
Home Missions—Rev. A. J. Hartsock.

ADVISORY MISSION COMMITTEE.

Officers of Synod.

NEXT CONVENTION OF SYNOD.

Place—Abilene, Kansas.
Time—Wednesday evening before full moon in August, '79.

MINUTES.

The Eleventh Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and adjacent States met in Peabody, Kas., on Wednesday evening, August 7th, 1878.

The Synodical Sermon was preached by Rev. Prof. Richards, of Carthage College, from "Upon this rock will I build my church."

FIRST SESSION.

PEABODY, August 8th, 1878—9 A. M.

After devotional exercises of a half hour, the Synod opened with the usual formalities, President Dornblaser in the chair.

The roll being called, resulted, with subsequent additions and corrections, as follows:

1. Rev. R. Weiser, D. D., (a), Georgetown, Col.
2. Rev. D. S. Altman, Ottawa, Kas.
3. Rev. A. A. Trimper, Lawrence, Kas.
4. Rev. C. Young, (a), Salina, Kas.
5. Rev. G. A. Exline, (a)†, Bunker Hill, Kas.
6. Rev. D. Harbaugh, (a), Waterville, Kas.
7. Rev. F. R. Sherer, (a), Waterville, Kas.
8. Rev. J. B. McAfee, Leavenworth, Kas.
9. Rev. G. Walker, (a), Whiterock, Kas.
10. Rev. S. P. Harrington, Abilene, Kas.
11. Rev. J. B. Corbett, (a)†, Bunker Hill, Kas.
12. Rev. K. Heigerd, (a), Effingham, Kas.
13. Rev. E. J. Keplinger, (a), Valley Falls, Kas.
14. Rev. T. F. Dornblaser, Kansas City, Mo.
15. Rev. C. Martin, M. D., St. Joseph, Mo.
16. Rev. W. C. Seidel, Minneapolis, Kas.
17. Rev. A. K. Felton, Bunker Hill, Kas.
18. Rev. L. C. Grossclose, Eureka, Kas.
19. Rev. A. J. Hartsock, Salina, Kas.
20. Rev. A. Essick, Fort Harker, Kas.
21. Rev. A. J. Kissell, Abilene, Kas.
22. Rev. R. B. Whitehill, Peabody, Kas.
23. Rev. G. Sanderson*, (a), Kansas City, Mo.
24. Rev. D. H. Bauslin*, (a).

(a) absent. (a)† absent unexcused. * Licentiates.

The names of the pastorates were then called and the following lay delegates enrolled on presentation of their credentials:

R. Sherer, (*a*), Enterprise, Kas.

J. H. Shell, (*a*), Kansas City, Mo.

B. B. Stimmell, (*a*), Salina, Kas.

Jacob Rizer, Eureka, Kas.

P. Weidlein, Peabody, Kas.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Rev. Prof. J. W. Richards, Carthage, Ill.

Rev. J. W. Goodlin, Secretary of H. M. Board, York, Pa.

Rev. D. H. Randall, M. E. Church, Peabody, Kas.

Rev. Walter Oakley, M. E. Church, Peabody, Kas.

Rev. E. D. Walker, President M. E. Church, Peabody, Kas.

Rev. A. I. Crigler, Knoxville, Iowa.

Rev. Prof. Anderson, President Ansgari College, Knoxville, Illinois.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States.

DEAR BRETHREN:—With gratitude to God for the material prosperity of our country and for the hopeful indications of the future of our beloved Zion, we enter upon the second decade, and as we fondly trust, a new epoch, in the history of our Synod.

Our correspondence this year has been very extensive. Much of it, however, pertains to vacant congregations, which more properly belongs to the Report of the Advisory Mission Committee.

I. OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Jan. 12th, 1878.—Sent to Rev. J. A. M. Zeigler, a letter of honorable dismission, to unite with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa; he having taken charge within the bounds of that Synod.

2. Nov. 20th, 1877.—Sent to Rev. D. H. Snowden, M. D., a letter of honorable dismission to unite with the "East Ohio Synod"; he having taken charge of the "Cleveland Mission."

3. April 1st, 1878.—Sent to *Licentiate* Rev. D. H. Bauslin, a letter of honorable dismission, to unite with the Wittenberg Synod; he having taken charge at Tippecanoe, Ohio, and having given satisfactory reasons for resigning his pastorate at Peabody, Kansas.

4. May 28th, 1878.—Sent a certificate of "Ad-interim Li-

cense" to Augustus L. Anderson, of Georgetown, Colorado. His application was signed, according to the requirements of Synod, by three ordained ministers, Rev'ds. Weiser, D. D., Harrington and Hartsock. He is serving the newly organized Swedish Lutheran Church in Georgetown, Colorado.

5. Sept. 1st, 1877.—Sent letters of greeting, as instructed by Synod, to Rev. D. P. Grosscup, Corresponding Delegate from the Iowa Synod, and to Rev. H. Acker, from the Synod of Northern Illinois.

II. Members Received.

1. October 30th, 1877.—Received a letter of honorable dismission from Rev. A. A. Trimper, of the Presbytery of Neosho, Kansas, and by request his name was restored to our clerical list.

2. December 5th, 1877.—Received letter of honorable dismission from Rev. A. J. Kissell, of Wittenberg Synod, informing me of his having taken charge of the church at Abilene, Kansas.

Letters Received.

1. August 28th, 1877.—Rev. H. Heigard informed me of the reasons for his non-attendance at Synod, and enclosed two dollars for the Synodical Treasury. The letter and the money were forwarded to the Secretary.

2. August 31st, 1877.—Prof. J. W. Richard, of Carthage College, sent greetings, and urged the importance of appointing Travelling Missionaries in the West.

3. October 1st, 1877.—Rev. A. J. Hartsock writes that his people were about building a new parsonage in Salina.

4. May 15th, 1878.—Rev. A. J. Kissell informed me that a new church was in process of erection in Abilene.

III. Vacancies.

Abilene, Lawrence and Salina have been supplied with pastors during the year, and report progress. The Monrovia Charge, Topeka, and Peabody are still vacant.

Some effective measures should be taken at this meeting of Synod, to supply these vacant fields with pastors, and to organize and establish congregations in the county seats and centers of population. Never, since the organization of this Synod, was there such an opportunity presented to extend the borders of our Zion.

Remarks.

To inspire us with renewed zeal for our work, and a stronger love for our *field*, it is needless to say that the eyes of the Church, and of the Nation, and of the World, are looking with strange astonishment upon the marvelous and unprecedented growth and prosperity of this youthful Commonwealth. In this garden

spot of the West, the "Eden" of the New World, the long-sought and much-loved home of the emigrant from every land; here, where the fields are already white to the harvest, it is your privilege to labor for our Divine Master. May your labors be helpful in calling many of the sin-stained inhabitants of these fruitful plains back to that primitive innocency and purity which once held their peaceful scepter over the "Eden on the banks of the Euphrates.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. DORNBLASER,
President Synod of Kansas, &c.

August 9th, 1878.

The Election of Officers resulted in the choice of—

Rev. T. F. Dornblaser,	President.
Mr. P. Weidlein,	Treasurer.
Rev. A. K. Felton,	Secretary.

The Synod here took a recess to give place to a session of the Ministerium, after which they resumed business.

Rev. Whitehill was appointed to act in the capacity of *pastor loci*, to assist the President in getting ready a programme of devotional exercises for the Synod.

On motion of Rev. Seidel, the Synod adopted the following

ORDER OF MEETINGS AND ADJOURNMENTS.

Meeting for Prayer, 8:30 A. M.
Meeting for Business, 9:00 A. M.
Adjournment, 11:45 A. M.
Meeting for business, 2:00 P. M.
Adjournment, 5:00 P. M.
Meeting for Divine Services, 8:00 P. M.
Adjourned.

SECOND SESSION—2 P. M.

The President appointed the following Committees:

1. *President's Report.*—Rev. D. S. Aultman and Rev. L. C. Grossclose.
2. *Minutes of Last Meeting of the Synod.*—Rev. W. C. Seidel and Jacob Rizer.
3. *Application of Churches.*—Rev. S. P. Harrington and Rev. R. B. Whitehill.
4. *Treasurer's Report.*—Mr. P. Weidlein, Rev. J. B. McAfee.

5. *Parochial Reports.*—Rev. A. J. Kissell and Rev. A. J. Hartsock.

6. *State of Religion.*—Rev. A. A. Trimper and Rev. L. C. Grossclose.

7. *Theological and Educational Institutions.*—Rev. C. Martin, M. D., Rev. Prof. J. W. Richards.

8. *Communications.*—Rev. A. Essick and Rev. S. P. Harrington.

9. *Resolutions.*—Rev. A. J. Hartsock and Rev. A. J. Kissell.

Parochial Reports were now in order and the brethren generally gave encouraging reports of success. Adjourned.

THIRD SESSION—FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

After a half hour's devotional exercises Synod resumed its business.

Parochial Reports—Concluded.

On motion of Rev. W. C. Seidel, Rev. A. J. Hartsock was appointed to report a synopsis of the proceedings of this Synod to the Kansas City *Journal of Commerce.*

On motion of Rev. A. A. Trimper, the Secretary was appointed to report to the *Lutheran Observer*, and Rev. A. Essick to the *Lutheran Evangelist.*

Report of Committee 8

was received and adopted, seriatim. The items in the report were briefly:

1. Letters from Rev. G. Walker, Rev. D. Harbaugh, Rev. H. Heigerd, Rev. C. Young, Rev. R. Weiser, D. D., for himself and Licenciate Anderson, Rev. E. J. Keplinger, Rev. F. R. Sherer and Rev. G. A. Exline, all asking to be excused for non-attendance at Synod. All were excused except Rev. G. A. Exline, whose excuse was not considered sufficient.

2. A letter to Synod from Rev. J. J. Thompson, District Superintendent of the American Bible Society. Recommend that this letter be read to Synod; also recommend to the ministers of Synod to avail themselves of the offer made them to secure Bibles and Testaments for distribution, and take collections in the churches for the use of the Bible Society, and forward to the Superintendent at Topeka.

3. A letter from Rev. J. G. Groenmiller, who was appointed delegate by the Synod of Nebraska. Recommend that his letter be read before Synod, and that we heartily reciprocate the fraternal greetings of Nebraska Synod, and proceed to appoint a delegate to its next convention.

After the reading of Bro. G.'s letter, who states reasons for not uniting with Kansas Synod, though within its bounds, it was

Resolved, That under the circumstances, viz: the proximity of Bro. Groenmiller's residence and pastoral charge to the territory of the Nebraska Synod, with which he has been connected for several years, and the fact that most of the members of the Nebraska Synod are, like himself, Germans, the Kansas Synod will not object to his continuing his present synodical relations, but this case is not to be considered a precedent.

Report of Committee 3.

Application of Churches.

The papers placed in our hands are:

1st. The Constitution and petition of the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Delphos, Kas.

2d. The Constitution of the St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Saline County, Kas.

3d. The application of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Ellsworth, Kas.

4th. The application of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Pleasant Hill, Marshall County, Kas.

The above-named churches, having regularly applied for membership in this Synod, your committee recommend that they be admitted as integral parts of this body.

Respectfully submitted.

S. P. HARRINGTON.
R. B. WHITEHILL.

Received and recommendations adopted seriatim, with the additional understanding that the congregation at Ellsworth adopt a proper constitution and the General Synod formula of government.

FOURTH SESSION—2 P. M.

Report of Committee 1.

President's Report.

As most of the items of the President's report have been acted on, your committee will simply call the attention of the Synod to the following, to-wit:

1. Under the head of "Official Correspondence," we quote: "Prof. J. W. Richards sends greetings, and urges the importance of appointing a traveling missionary in the West." We recommend that this item be referred to the Advisory Mission Committee.

2. Under the head of "Vacancies," we find only Monrovia, Topeka and Peabody vacant, Abilene, Lawrence and Salina having secured worthy pastors. We recommend this item to the same committee.

L. C. GROSSCLOSE.
D. S. ALTMAN.

Received and adopted.

The President's report was ordered printed with the minutes.

Vacant Congregations.

Under this head the Advisory Mission Committee offered their report. The consideration of this report pending, the Synod adjourned to give place to the ministerium.

FIFTH SESSION.

Saturday, 9 A. M.

Rev. S. P. Harrington lead the half hour's devotional exercises, after which the Synod commenced its work.

Report of Mission Committee.

To the Officers and Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas:

Dear Brethren:—Your committee to advise with the Board of Home Missions in reference to the missionary operations within the bounds of your Synod, would respectfully present the following report of their work during the Synodical year ending August 7th, 1878:

Vacancies Supplied.

1. Abilene has been supplied by calling Rev. A. J. Kissell for their pastor, who took charge in a few weeks after the meeting of our Synod in Salina. Bro. Kissell, by his self-denial and willingness "to endure hardness as a good soldier for Jesus," has made this mission self-sustaining. He has also commenced the erection of a handsome brick church, which is to be ready for service this fall.

2. Lawrence has been supplied by recalling Rev. A. A. Trimper for their pastor. According to instructions, the chairman of your committee stopped at Lawrence on his return from Synod. After canvassing the congregation, so far as he could conveniently, he ascertained that a large majority desired to recall Brother Trimper as pastor. A congregational meeting was accordingly announced by the officers of the church, to be held two weeks after the announcement of the same, for the purpose

of considering the re-election of Brother Trimper. The election resulted in a unanimous vote of the membership present in favor of recalling Brother Trimper. Several hundred dollars were at the same time subscribed for his support, which was subsequently raised to ———— dollars. Your committee applied to the Board of Home Missions for aid to support Bro. Trimper, which was granted.

3. Salina has been prospering under the ministry of Rev. A. J. Hartsock, who took charge of that field one year ago. Through his efforts a parsonage has been built in Salina, and the church building also greatly improved. The importance of this field seems to require a division of the charge. By request from brethren who understand the field, the committee have asked the Board of Home Missions to consent to a division of the charge, and appoint Rev. A. J. Hartsock as missionary of the Salina Church. The Board deferred their action and asked for further information. Rev. Hartsock was requested by the committee to furnish the desired information.

4. Georgetown, Col. The Swedish Lutheran Church at this point has called Licentiate Augustus L. Anderson as Pastor since May, 1878. Dr. Weiser requested the committee to urge the Board to support a missionary in Colorado. The Board wished to defer the matter until this meeting of Synod.

Vacancies Unsupplied.

1. Monrovia charge, including Valley Falls and Stranger Creek, is still unsupplied. September, 1877, Rev. J. A. M. Zeigler, who was desirous of finding a field of labor within the bounds of this Synod, visited this charge by direction of the committee. He found Monrovia and Stranger Creek temporarily supplied by a Methodist minister. The people lacked the disposition, and, as they thought, the ability to support a Lutheran preacher. At Valley Falls he found no life, no kernel—only an empty shell remaining. The few members still there are completely discouraged.

2. Topeka, as directed by Synod, was visited last September by Dr. D. H. Snowden, who, having spent a week with the brethren, reported considerable apathy on the part of the membership, but by what he had learned from resident pastors and others interested, he was persuaded that there was room for a Lutheran Church in that city. September 19th, 1877, Bro. Zeigler visited Topeka and preached in the Lutheran Church two Sabbaths. On the 30th of September, 1877, the chairman of your committee spent the Sabbath in Topeka, on which day the congregation intended to hold a meeting, according to previous announcement, for the election of a pastor. About thirty-five persons were present, and Rev. J. A. M. Zeigler was unanimously chosen pastor for one year. An effort was then made to raise the support for him. About $200 was pledged by the

congregation. The committee reported to the Board of Home Missions the facts without any coloring, and the Board declined to give any appropriation at present. We have learned that several good Lutheran families have moved to Topeka recently, and the prospects for our church are brightening.

3. Peabody was supplied by Licentiate D. H. Bauslin, for a few months last fall, before his entering the Seminary at Wittenberg College. The resolution adopted by Synod, requested the Board of Church Extension to grant the Peabody congregation a loan of $700, to assist them in building a church. The Secretary of the Board replied that no more loans could be granted until the heavy debt was removed from the Board. Bro. Bauslin desired the committee to ascertain what amount the Board was willing to appropriate toward the support of a missionary in Peabody. The Board could give no satisfactory answer, and intimated that unless the church increased her contributions to Home Missions, they could not appropriate anything. With this discouraging outlook, Bro. Bauslin resigned and took charge of a church in Ohio. The chairman of your committee visited Peabody on the last Sabbath of October, 1877, and preached morning and evening to good congregations. In the morning he received four new members into the church, which gives them a membership of about thirty. We were received very kindly by the brethren, and were very well paid for our services. After Bro. Bauslin resigned, we wrote to Rev. Whitehill, of Peabody, that we should be very glad to have him supply the congregation with preaching occasionally, if convenient for him to do so. This is an important point for our church, and should be occupied at once by an energetic missionary.

Promising Points.

Belton, Mo.; Gardner, Johnson County, Kansas; White Rock, Republic County; Osborne City, Osborne County; Wilson, Ellsworth County; Sterling, Rice County; Great Bend, Barton County; and many other points in Kansas, contain each a nucleus for a Lutheran Church. The Committee know *too little* about these points to give any definite information.

Recommendations.

Your Committee respectfully recommend the following:

1. That a Synodical Missionary be appointed at this meeting of Synod, and that measures be taken to support him for a year.

2. That a committee be appointed to prepare maps and accurate statistics of our Mission work in Kansas and hold the same in readiness to exhibit before future Conventions held in the East, in the interests of Home Missions.

3. That our Missionaries write more frequently for the

Church Papers, giving facts and incidents, calculated to move the heart and quicken the conscience of the reader.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. DORNBLASER,
A. K. FELTON. } Committee.

Received and adopted, seriatim; and the following adopted, in addition, by the Synod:

1. *Resolved*, That we commend Topeka to the B. H. M. and urge them to send a suitable man there at the earliest date possible.

2. WHEREAS, The Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Peabody, during the first year of their existence as a congregation, have in course of erection a new house of worship, without aid from the church at large, and to the happy surprise of the members of this Synod, therefore,

Resolved, That we are highly gratified with the progressive spirit exhibited by this congregation, and that we commend their zeal and self-reliance to all our Western Missions.

3. WHEREAS, The General Synod has authorized the B. H. M. "to appoint and sustain Evangelists and Traveling Missionaries, wherever they may deem it most practicable: and

WHEREAS, As the Board states in its action on the resolution of the General Synod, that "the action thus contemplated will involve a large additional expense above the usual income of the Home Missionary Treasury," therefore

Resolved 1. That the B. H. M. be requested to appoint a Traveling Missionary for the state of Kansas who shall be under the direction of the Board.

2. That the Synod will pledge and pay into the treasury of the B. H. M. over and above its annual contributions, the sum of $400 toward his salary, providing the Board appropriates out of its funds an additional sum necessary to the balance of his salary.

The following pledges were given, with the further assurance that the Missionary could collect in his travels, at least the remainder of the $400.00.

Rev. A. J. Kissell	$ 25.00
Rev. T. F. Dornblaser	25.00
Rev. S. P. Harrington	25.00
Rev. A. Essick	25.00
Rev. D. S. Altman	10.00
Rev. W. C. Seidel	25.00
Rev. A. A. Trimper	10.00
Rev. A. K. Felton	25.00
Rev. J. B. McAfee	100.00
Rev. C. Martin, M. D.	10.00
Rev. L. C. Grossclose	15.00
Total	$295.00

On motion of Rev. A. Essick, it was

Resolved, That the Donmeyer church be detached from the Salina charge and made the centre of a new pastorate.

Report of Committee 2.

Your committe, to whom were referred the minutes of last Synod, take leave to report that we have examined them and find:

1. On page 13, a committee on conference appointed regarding a Western Superintendent of Home Missions. What has the committee done?
2. On page 14, a resolution instructing Mr. A. W. Wagonhols to transfer the church property at Atchison to the Church Extension Board, to hold in trust for the Lutheran Church. Has he done so?
3. On same page is an instruction to the Secretary to secure certain parochial reports. What has he done?
4. Has the Monrovia Church been supplied as per instructions on page 15?
5. Has the President sent fraternal greetings to the Synods of Northern Illinois and of Iowa, as instructed?

Respectfully submitted.

W. C. Seidel.
Jacob Rizer.

Received and adopted seriatim.

Question 1—Answer: Its duty as per instructions.
Question 2—Answer: Yes.
Question 3—Answer: His duty.
Question 4—Answer: No; supplied by M. E. preacher.
Question 5—Answer: Yes.

The answer to Question 2 was honored with the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the report of Bro. McAfee in regard to the church lots belonging to the Lutheran Church in the City of Atchison, Kas.

Resolved, That Synod hereby most cordially confers a vote of thanks to Bros. A. W. Wagonhols and J. B. McAfee for their interest and labor performed in behalf of said church property.

Report of Commissioners to Carthage College.

As Chairman of Committee, per appointment of Synod, I have endeavored to discharge my duty and take pleasure to report the following:

The number of students during the year was 324. Considering the age of the Institution and the depressed financial condition of the country, this speaks well for its efficiency, and is a proof of the advantages it offers. I was also pleased to learn

that the necessary expenses of students range exceedingly low; indeed I know of no institution in the land that compares with it in point of economy. The course of study, moreover, is equal to the best of American colleges. The tone of morality and christian character is not only of a high order but highly commendable, thus arguing strongly in favor of the co-education of sexes. The degree of intellectual culture afforded our students by the institution, as exhibited in the public examinations, and performances, by the students, was most gratifying to the Board. Thoroughness, originality and individuality characterized every performance. Of the faculty we will not speak at length, as their energy, capacity and thoroughness is known to the church.

It was a source of great satisfaction to learn that, with the most rigid economy and careful management of the treasurer, the institution closes its fiscal year free of debt. But for the fuller development and equipment of the College, the financial basis is insufficient and should be speedily enlarged. You will be surprised to learn that the entire expenses of the running of the college, during the year, were only a little over $7,000.00, being about one-half of that of similar institutions.

Carthage College has thus shown herself worthy of the patronage, confidence and support of the church. We would therefore earnestly urge the pastors of this Synod to use their best efforts to enlarge the number of students, send and labor for a fuller endowment of her funds. The Financial Agent reports commendable progress in his work and was continued for another year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. SEIDEL, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE 6.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would offer the following as their report:

The general state and condition of the churches within the bounds of the Kansas Synod are, upon the whole, decidedly encouraging. It is true that some of our churches are laboring under serious difficulties. One or two have become defunct, and a few are struggling for mere existence, but the general tone of the churches is healthy. The great majority are making commendable progress, and some are enjoying real and decided prosperity. One has become self-sustaining; several have erected new houses of worship; some are repairing old ones; one has built a valuable parsonage. And the dimensions and existence of these enterprises are of such a character as to speak volumes for their liberality and devotion to the cause. The benevolent contributions largely exceed those of last year, and this argues well for the churches, when we remember the embarrassing state of finances in the country at large. The contributions to Foreign Missions is a little more than double that of last year; and

to church extension is four or five times as large. The accessions to the churches by letter are more than three times those of the previous year, though we regret to state the confirmations are not as many.

The work of the Sabbath School is going on with a firm hand, and accomplishing an efficient and mighty work for the churches. And, as we are pleased to notice, that nearly all the brethren report classes of catechumens. These two means of usefulness will tell largely upon the future character and efficiency of the church. Both must be employed. The one without the other is not sufficient. Let our children and young people get all they can in the Sabbath School; but let them not be deprived of that higher and more systematic training, which they may obtain from the catechism and the catechetical lectures of the faithful pastor.

While there has been no general revival of religion reported, yet quite a number of the pastors report a growth in grace and a quickening in spiritual things on the part of many of their members. Many of the churches maintain and enjoy live prayer meetings, and others are laboring hard to establish them in all their churches. Our people are generally co-operating in the cause of Temperance, and anticipate before another twelve months, a grand temperance reformation throughout our State, and the Western States, and we pray that it may be but the precursor of a blessed and glorious revival of religion in all our churches. We bless God for what He has done for us and take courage. And may we be able to report "glorious things hath God done in Zion" when we meet twelve months from this time.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. TRIMPER,
L. C. GROSSCLOSE.

Received and adopted.

SIXTH SESSION—2 P. M.

On motion it was—

Resolved, That the President correspond with the Synods of Iowa and Nebraska and convey our Christian greetings.

On motion of Rev. C. Martin, Synod appointed three Commissioners of Carthage College, one to serve for three years, one for two years and one for one year, with the understanding that hereafter Synod shall appoint one commissioner annually, who shall serve three years.

COMMISSIONERS CHOSEN.

Rev. J. B. McAfee, for three years.
Rev. W. C. Seidel, for two years.
Rev. A. A. Trimper, for one year.

Synod elected Wednesday evening preceding the full moon in August, 1879, as the time, and Abilene, Kas., as the place of next meeting of Synod.

Treasurer's Report.

Your committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's report, have examined the receipts and expenditures and find the same correct, as shown in the accompanying balance-sheet.

P. Weidlein.
J. B. McAfee.

Moneys Received and Paid Out for the Year Commencing August 25, 1877, and Ending August 7, 1878.

Dr.		*Cr.*	
Synodical Fund	$ 44 17	Synodical Fund	$ 44 40
Home Missions	45 43	Home Mission Fund	38 51
Foreign Missions	33 90	Foreign Mission Fund	34 66
Church Extension	4 25	Church Extension Fund	4 25
Educational Fund	3 00		
General Synod Fund	2 35		
Receipt for Bro. Harrington	91 00	Bro Harrington	91 60
		Balance	11 80
	$224 10		$224 10
To Home Missions	$1 92	By overpaid Synod Fund	25
To Educational Fund	3 00	By Foreign Mission Fund	13
To General Synod Fund	2 25		11 80
	$12 27		$12 27

Received and adopted.

Report of Committee 9.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following, which were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That we express by a vote of thanks our gratitude to the members of the Lutheran Church of this place, and to the citizens of Peabody, for their kind and generous hospitality extended to us during this meeting of Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That we extend a vote of thanks to the pastor of the Presbyterian Church and his kind people for the use of their church for holding the sessions and meetings of this Synod during our present convention.

3. *Resolved*, That the President of Synod announce the above resolutions on to-morrow evening, after Divine services.

4. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod are due, and are hereby tendered the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe and the Kansas Pacific Railroad Companies, for conveying delegates to this body at so largely reduced fare.

Resolved, That this Synod highly appreciates the favor extended by these railroad companies to a goodly number of the

editors and correspondents of our church papers, in furnishing them passes to Colorado and return to Kansas City.

5. *Resolved,* That we consider the item of salary, in our parochial reports, to mean the salary actually paid by the congregation.

6. WHEREAS, The existing methods of securing funds for promoting the benevolent operations of the church, have not secured satisfactory results: therefore,

Resolved, That we request the General Synod, at its next meeting, to devise some efficient system of finance, and to consider the feasability of appointing a Financial Secretary of Missions, whose duty it shall be to secure funds for the carrying on of the work of Home and Foreign Missions.

Committee 5 reported Parochial Table completed.

The officers of Synod were made the Advisory Mission Committee.

The following were elected speakers for next meeting:

	PRINCIPALS.	ALTERNATES.
Ordination—	Rev. A. K. Felton,	Rev. C. Martin, M. D.
Education—	Rev. A. Essick,	Rev. L. C. Grossclose.
Home Missions—	Rev. A. J. Hartsock,	Rev. S. P. Harrington.

On motion, Rev. A. J. Kissell, Rev. S. P. Harrington and Rev. L. C. Grossclose were appointed a committee on apportionment, who subsequently reported as follows:

REPORT OF APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE.

PASTOR.	CHARGE.	Membership.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Church Extension.
.....	Georgetown, Col.	32	$3 84	$3 84	$1 92
D. S. Aultman	Ottawa, Kas.....	45	5 40	5 40	2 70
F. R. Scherer.....	.....	10	1 20	1 20	60
S. P. Harrington.....	Dillon, Kas.....	47	5 64	5 64	2 82
T. F. Dornblaser.....	Kansas City, Mo.....	97	11 64	11 64	5 82
W. C. Seidel.....	Solomon Valley, Kas.....	15	1 80	1 80	90
A. K. Felton.....	Bunker Hill, Kas.....	62	7 44	7 44	3 72
L. C. Grossclose.....	Eureka, Kas.....	42	5 04	5 04	2 52
A. J. Hartsock	Salina, Kas.....	100	12 00	12 00	6 00
A. Essick.....	Ellsworth, Kas.....	20	2 40	2 40	1 20
A. J. Kissell.....	Abilene, Kas.....	43	5 16	5 16	2 58
A. A. Trimper.....	Lawrence, Kas.....	55	6 60	6 6[illegible]	3 30
.....	Topeka, Kas.....	19	2 28	2 28	1 14
.....	Peabody, Kas.....	20	2 40	2 40	1 20
.....	Monrovia, Kas.....	40	4 80	4 80	2 40
.....	Valley Falls, Kas.....	13	1 56	1 56	78
.....	Whiterock, Kas.....	20	2 40	2 40	1 20

At this juncture Synod postponed its business to listen to Rev. Anderson, President of Ansgari College, on the workings of his institution. His work is chiefly a Swedish work, and his

main difficulty is to secure competent teachers for the small salary he is compelled to pay for want of funds. He is doing a good work, preparing young Swedes for work among their nation in this country.

On motion of Rev. A. J. Kissell, Synod ordered two columns on the parochial reports for church members, one for resident and one for non-resident members.

Three hundred copies of the minutes were ordered published.

Rev. C. Martin, Rev. A. Essick and Rev. A. A. Trimper were appointed examining committee for next year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE 9.

Theological and Educational Institutions.

Resolved 1, That this Synod has heard with pleasure of the proposed union of the Theological interests of Wittenberg and Carthage Colleges, and of the location of a Theological Seminary at some suitable place in the West, where the institution will best subserve the general interests of the church.

Resolved 2, That in the event of such a consummation we will heartily co-operate with the institution.

C. MARTIN,
J. W. RICHARDS.

Adopted.

Adjourned to meet in Abilene, Kansas, on Wednesday evening before the full moon, in August, 1879. Doxology being sung, prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Goodlin.

Respectfully submitted.

A. K. FELTON, Secretary.

MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

PEABODY, Aug. 8th, 1878, 10 A. M.

Ministerium opened with prayer by Rev. J. B. McAfee.

After the reading of A. A. Trimper's letter of honorable dismission from the Neosho Presbytery, on motion of Rev. A. Essick he was admitted as a member of this body.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, 5:15 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. L. C. Grossclose.

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Examination would report that we have no application for license or ordination, which we regret, and pray that the Lord may raise up and qualify laborers for this field "white unto the harvest." The documents placed in our hands are:

1st. A postal-card from Licentiate Bauslin, requesting a renewal of his license. We recommend that Bro. Bauslin's license be extended until the meeting of the Synod with which he intends to unite.

2nd. A written sermon from Licentiate Geo. Sanderson. This sermon contains evangelical sentiments, but merits criticism for its great length and its redundant style.

3rd. An application for the renewal of his license. He says he has not been engaged in ministerial work the past year on account of family affliction. He has been diligently engaged studying the New Testament in the original language and has made commendable progress. We would recommend the renewal of his license.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES MARTIN,
A. ESSICK.

Received and recommendations adopted seriatim.

On motion Rev. John Bond, of the Wartburg Synod, having presented his letter of dismission to the President of this Synod, was made a member of this body.

Adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. W. C. Seidel.

Respectfully submitted,

A. K. FELTON, Secretary.

PAROCHIAL CHART.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	PASTORATES.	Organized Churches.	Preaching Places.	Members Received by: Infant Bapt'm.	Adult Baptisms	Confirmation	Certificate.	Restoration.	Members Removed by: Death of Child'n.	Death of Adults	Certificate	Expulsion.	Communicants.	Catechumens.	Prayer Meetings.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Lutheran.	Union	Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS: Synodical Treas	Beneficiary Ed.	General Synod Fund.	Home Mission.	Foreign Mission	Church Extens.	Pastor's Salary.	Local Objects.	G. Benevolence	Endown't Fd.	Total Contributions.
Rev. R. Weiser, D. D.	Georgetown, Col.			7	5		2	3					32		1	1		4	25		$2 00			$4 00	$4 00	$2 00					$12
" D. S. Aultman	Ottawa, Kas.	3		5		2		3		2	1		45	4	1	1	2	10	90		2 12			7 25	7 25	9 00	$150 00		$5 00		200
" C. Young																															
" G. A. Exline																															
" D. Harbaugh	Waterville, Kas.	2	1	1		1	7				12		54	20	2		2	12	80		2 00			5 00	5 00	2 50	115 50		$5 00		135
" F. R. Sherer	Spring Valley, Kas.	1		3			3				3		10											1 84	1 84	92					4
" G. Walker																															
" J. B. McAfee									2												5 00			45 00	5 00	5 00		20 00			80
" S. P. Harrington	Dillon, Kas.	2	2	4			8						47		2		2	10	125		1 00			6 00	4 20	5 80	200 00	28 00	20 00		265
" J. B. Corbett																															
" H. Heigerd																															
" E. J. Keplinger																															
" T. F. Dornblaser	Kansas City, Mo.	1	1	6	3	6	15						97	10	1	1		9	120	$17 00	2 50			30 00	13 00	7 50	600 00	105 50	25 00		840
" C. Martin, M. D.																															
" W. C. Seidel	Solomon Valley, Kas.	1	3	15						3			15	10			2	10	75	20 00	1 50	$2 50	.50	2 50	2 50	50					80
" A. K. Felton	Bunker Hill, Kas.	1	2	2			15				1		62		2	1		5	100		3 00			8 30	8 20	4 39	200 00	31 00			254
" L. C. Grosscloss	Eureka, Kas.	3		1		4							42	4			1	12	70		2 00			9 33	5 00	1 50	275 00				292
" A. J. Hartsock	Salina, Kas.	3	2	12			64		1				100			3		15	100	10 00	4 34			10 00	5 00		250 00	800 00	5 00		1084
" A. Essick	Ellsworth, Kas.	1	1										20				1				1 00										1
" G. Sanderson																															
" A. J. Kissell	Abilene, Kas.	1		2			11	1			1		43		1		1	18	150		4 38			6 72	6 72	3 36	500 00	3500 00			4021
" A. A. Trimper	Lawrence, Kas.	1		14		2	20			1	3		55			1	1	12	75	40 00	3 00			7 87	4 67	7 15	250 00	76 93			389
" J. Bond																															
" D. H. Bauslin																															
" R. B. Whitehill																															
VACANT.	Topeka, Kas.	1											19								2 00			4 00	4 00	2 00					12
	Peabody, Kas.	1											20								4 20			4 00	4 00						12
	Monrovia, Kas.	2											40								2 00			8 00	4 00						14
	Valley Falls, Kas.	1											18								2 00			3 00							5
	Whiterock, Kas.	1											20																		
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